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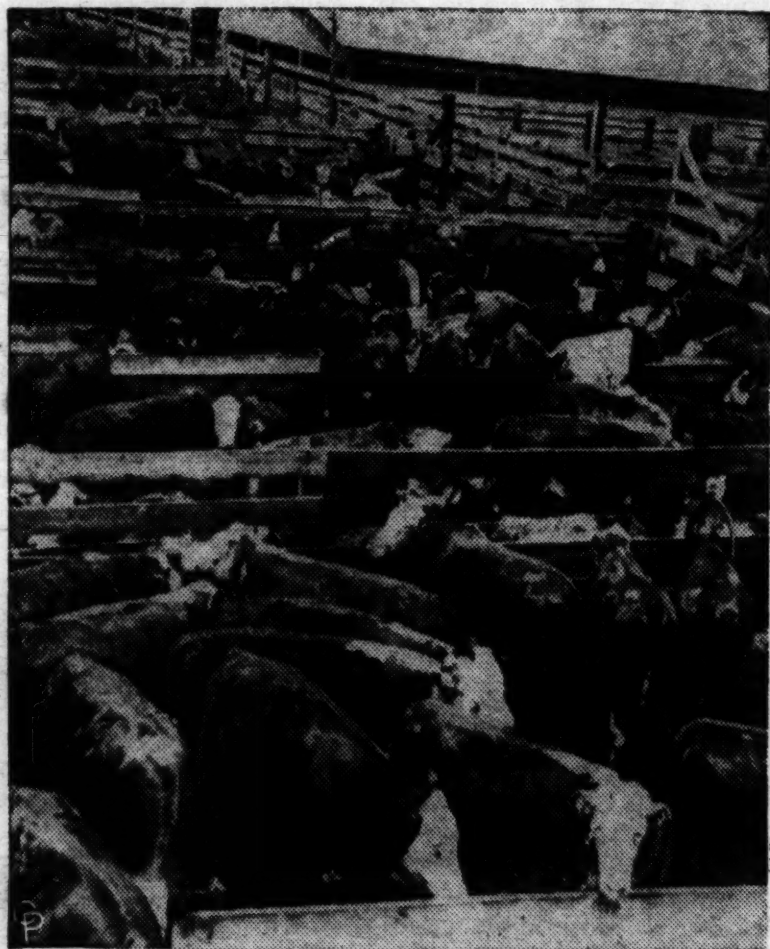
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UNRRA CENSORED BY SOVIETS? 'BUNK,' SAYS LAGUARDIA

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There's Plenty of Meat—in the Stockyards:
Cattle are moving into these Chicago stockyards at the rate of 100,000 head a month, as compared to 10,000 last month, but distribution to the meat markets must wait until the inflationers butcher OPA.

Senate Passes Bill To Cripple OPA

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Realtors Use Detroit Gov't In Drive to Oust Negroes

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Will Tom Clark Let Bilbo Get Away With It?

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Vote 'Continuous Meeting': Five thousand Railway Express workers vote "continuous sessions" till Monday afternoon, in their grievance meeting at Manhattan Center. Meanwhile, not a pound of freight is moving out of New York. See Page 8.

WORLD EVENTS

Soviet Gag on UNRRA? 'Bunk': LaG.

HOUSE VOTES STRINGS TO RELIEF ABROAD

WASHINGTON, June 28 (UP).—The House ignored an angry blast from UNRRA director Fiorello H. LaGuardia today and voted to bar American relief funds from any country which allegedly censors news of UNRRA operations.

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Charges that White Russia and the Ukraine censored information on UNRRA relief distribution were rejected as "a lot of bunk" by Fiorello LaGuardia, director general of UNRRA, at a news conference today.

"We get full and complete co-operation from the governments of White Russia and the Ukraine," LaGuardia said. "There is no restriction or censorship insofar as UNRRA representatives are concerned. There is a free exchange of information with cables—in fact too many cables—going back and forth all day."

The charges of Soviet censorship were used by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Minn) yesterday to force through the House tentative approval of an amendment to UNRRA appropriations barring relief to any country "which fails or refused to permit the properly accredited representatives of the American press to enter, observe and report without censorship on the distribution and utilization of relief and rehabilitation supplies furnished to such country."

CONFIRMS McDUFFIE

The Daily Worker called LaGuardia's attention to a New York Times dispatch from Berlin quoting Marshall McDuffie, chief of UNRRA's Ukraine Mission, to the effect that the Mission had had free access and

that no censorship has been exercised.

"That's exactly my information" said LaGuardia, and waving his forefinger, shouted:

"And he's not a Communist."

The only effect of the Dirksen amendment insofar as it applies to relief, LaGuardia said, is that it may hold up \$367,000 worth of medical supplies and \$100,000 of industrial equipment scheduled for the Soviet Union. These are the only unfulfilled commitments for the USSR, he explained.

"They want to deny sick people medical supplies just because they're sore at somebody," he said.

In the news conference called to discuss "recent deliveries from the rumor factories," LaGuardia was angry, distressed, disillusioned, bitter and then roaring mad again. "Everybody that hates Russia takes a jab at Yugoslavia and a poke at Czechoslovakia through UNRRA," he exclaimed.

He said "all the good America is doing through UNRRA is destroyed" by bickering and by such action as the House took.

"The overwhelming majority of the American people are not in

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Greetings from U. S. Labor: R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the United Auto Workers, is addressing a rally at the Stalin auto plant in Moscow, which he visited as one of the delegates of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Byrnes Ultimatum Snatus
Big Four Paris Peace Parley

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes threw a monkey-wrench into the Big Four conference at Paris yesterday by demanding a decision within 24 hours on the calling of a 21-nation conference to review the peace treaties.

The great powers are agreed that the treaties should be reviewed, by a larger conference, but Byrnes insists that this meeting must take place irrespective of whether the Big Four agree on the terms of the documents.

The Soviet position has been that no good would come from a general conference before the big powers had agreed on the basic questions.

Byrnes is clearly using the idea of a larger conference to get his own way at Paris. He knows that a majority of the smaller nations would vote his way on disputed points of the treaties with the former Axis satellites.

Byrnes told a plenary meeting of the Big Four at the Luxemburg Palace:

"I give notice today that I am going to insist on a discussion of a peace conference tomorrow and I want no misunderstanding."

"Of course," Molotov retorted, "any member of the Council can speak any time he wants to, day or night."

"If we meet in the morning it will be raised by me in the morning," Byrnes said. "I want a decision on it tomorrow—one way or the other."

TO MEET TODAY

The Big Four agreed to meet at 4 p.m. today for what promised to be a fateful meeting.

The Big Four had agreed to review all treaty questions this week, the deadline being last night. Molotov showed willingness to negotiate on some issues but, especially on Trieste and Venezia Giulia, no advance was made. The deadline was not met and Byrnes had now set a new one for tomorrow.

The Big Four met for 3½ hours, breaking up at 7 p.m. in an electric-charged crisis atmosphere.

Things had looked good in the morning after agreements Thursday on the Dodecanese Islands and the French-Italian frontier.

ASKS PART IN LIBYA

At a morning meeting of the Foreign Ministers' committee on Italian colonies, the USSR demanded a share in controlling Libya during the next year before a final solution is reached on its future.

Great Britain, as the conquering power, has been in control in Libya and presumably was going to remain in control until the decision was reached.

Andrei I. Vishinsky, Molotov's deputy, insisted that the Soviets must share control under a joint four-power administration.

Hubert Gladwyn Jebb, British delegate, said that the interim period was too short to justify a change. Benjamin V. Cohen, State Depart-

ment councilor, and French delegate Maurice de Couve de Murville, offered several compromises. Vishinsky rejected them and the committee broke up in deadlock.

The United States 10,000-ton cruiser, Fargo, steamed into Trieste Thursday with her 900 men at battle stations because of a false report that Yugoslav shore batteries fired on the British cruiser Mauritius which preceded her.

Italian Americans Urge
Fair Trieste Accord

Six Italian American AFL and CIO leaders yesterday called upon Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to change his stubborn stand on Trieste.

The trade union leaders' statement opposed "any solution of the problem of Trieste which would offend the interests of the people of Yugoslavia, our war allies, or perpetuate American-British military control of the Trieste territory . . . which would create a nest of international fascists and war intriguers in Italy proper."

"Progressive Italian-Americans have made it clear," the six said, "that while they want a peace treaty that will give the people of Italy a chance to resume their place among the free peoples of the world by assuring them their full right to national independence, they will not follow anyone who would make of the Trieste problem a means of extending American and British imperialist interests throughout the world."

The statement was signed by Frank Dutto, president of Local 1, AFL Bakery Workers Union; G. Magliacano, of the CIO Furniture Workers Union, Newark; Joseph Garaffa, Furniture Workers Local 7 B; James Griesi, president of the CIO Sanitation Workers Local 333, New York; Michael Garramone, general manager of the same local; Jack Arra, business agent of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers Local 80, and Dean

Zavattaro, general organizer of the CIO Department Store Workers Local 1250.

FEAR ANOTHER DANZIG

The Italian-American leaders declared themselves opposed to any "internationalization" of Trieste which would make it another Danzig, and place it under indirect Anglo-American control.

The statement denied Byrnes was defending the interests of Italy by his opposition to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's proposals for an autonomous Trieste state.

By favoring "internationalization" now that Byrnes is committed to withdrawal of American troops 90 days after the signing of a treaty with Italy, the Secretary of State has shown that "ethnic" grounds for holding on to Trieste were only a pretext, the seven leaders declared.

All peoples interested in Adriatic traffic should have a say in the port of Trieste, said the statement, but its administration should not treat the people of the Julian March as "semi-colonials."

"Trieste is inextricably connected—politically, geographically and above all economically—with the territory of Yugoslavia," the statement pointed out.

WORLD BRIEFS
LOTS OF FOOD—
AROUND THE CORNER

GEN. KAZUSHIGE UGAKI, a former Japanese War Minister, told the Tokyo war crimes trial yesterday that he had thwarted a militarist plot in March, 1931. The plot implicates Shamei Okawa, a Japanese fascist, who is one of the 28 defendants at the trial, but was recently removed to a mental hospital.

HERBERT HOOVER told the Canadian Parliament last night that the coming harvests would alleviate world famine, except for China. But the 1,500-1,700 calory diet of millions in Europe and Asia will be especially hard on children, Hoover declared. He proposed a special agency to bring relief to children, and urged all nations to share the cost.

REXFORD GUY TUGWELL, Gov. of Puerto Rico, is starting work Monday as professor of political science at Chicago University, he declared yesterday after a conference with President Truman. Tagwell would not say whether Truman had accepted his resignation from the Puerto Rican post.

ITALY'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY united yesterday in electing Enrico de Nicola, eminent anti-fascist judge, as president of the new republic. Supported by the Christian Democrats, Socialists and Communists, de Nicola received 396 votes. Penna Ottavia, the only woman candidate, got 32 votes from the neo-fascist L'Uomo Qualunque Party. De Nicola has

a good record of resisting Mussolini as a jurist. Unity of the major parties foreshadows the early formation of a new cabinet.

MAJ. GEN. ANTHONY McAULIFFE, who won fame at Bastogne with his famous "Nuts" to the Germans, predicted yesterday that the Bikini atom bomb tests would be the last of its kind. He said that UN atom controls would make another "Operation Crossroads" unnecessary.

BITTER RIVALRY between American and British aviation firms in the Argentina market is reported by United Press. With the State Department releasing Argentine funds here, US aviation companies are moving into Argentina and bitterly fighting the British air firms there.

HANS FRITSCHKE, the velvet voice of Nazi radio propaganda, testified at the Nuernberg war crimes trial yesterday that in his last broadcast, May 2, 1945, he told the German people Adolf Hitler had committed suicide despite the Fuehrer's last wish that the world be led to believe he died in battle.

"I wanted to nip in the bud the development of the Hitler legend," the chief of radio propaganda claimed.

TWENTY-FIVE American delegates to the International Student Conference, to be held in Prague Aug. 1-31, will attend a preliminary conference in New York July 9-15.

LABOR and the NATION



BRIDGES

Senate Approves Bill To Cripple Price Curbs

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The battered and crippled OPA extension bill passed the Senate tonight, 47-23, as Sen. W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel's one-man filibuster was broken after eight hours and 20 minutes. The Texas polltaxer quit talking when it was evident he would not get

U. S. Effort to Play AFL Seamen Against CMU Boomerangs

By Art Shields

A government attempt to play off AFL seamen against men affiliated with the Committee for Maritime Unity, which won the June 15 victory, proved a boomerang today.

The CMU served notice yesterday that it will insist on getting an additional \$5.00 a month wage increase, which the War Shipping Administration and the Pacific Coast ship owners have just granted to the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, led by Harry Lundeberg.

Notice was served by Harry Bridges, president of the CIO's International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union in the name of the CMU of which he is co-chairman.

The National Office of the National Maritime Union, of which Joseph Curran, CMU co-chairman, is president, took similar action today.

All seaports were alerted by wire to back the CMU demands.

CASHES IN ON CMU

Lundeberg had jeered at the CMU struggle for higher wages and the 48-hour week. He had derided the strike move as "political." But he cashed in when the government and the shipowners signed an agreement giving able seamen \$22.50 a week,

instead of the \$17.50 won in the CMU fight.

Bridges is caustic in discussing the shipowners' motive in giving Lundeberg's union the extra \$5.00 raise.

"It was expected," he said in the opening lines of his statement, "that the shipowners would have to find some way to pull Harry Lundeberg's chestnuts out of the fire, for it was only two months ago that he declared publicly that this was no time to bring up wage increases."

"But in doing so, the shipowners have run up against an insoluble contradiction, the kind that results in gasoline price wars. They will find that we can ride the same gravy train and it will cost them more dough."

"It was CMU, with its magnificent mobilization by the rank and file, that forced the shipowners to piece off Lundeberg and give his sailors more. Since the owners depend upon people like Lundeberg

and Joe Ryan of the ILA to block full maritime unity, they find it necessary to do something extra special for them."

All seamen must now get the additional \$5 a month, Bridges declared.

The NMU statement emphasizes Lundeberg's agreement gives bosuns and carpenters less than the CMU is asking in negotiations still unsettled. The CMU is asking \$40, \$50 and \$60 for bosuns and carpenters, the differential depending on the type of ship in which they are sailing.

ALERTS ALL PORTS

The NMU statement, alerting all seaports, was drafted after a conference with New York CMU committee members from the Marine Firemen's Union, the Marine Cooks and Stewards, the Marine Engineers and the radio division of the American Communications Association.

The wire instructs all ports to "mobilize in support of negotiations and to send wires and letters to the War Shipping Administration, protesting the obvious attempt to split the unity of seamen, longshoremen and harbor workers by double dealing."

Demands for similar wage increases will be made in each wire. Though able seamen get an extra \$5.00, bosuns and carpenters get less under the Lundeberg agreement, than the CMU negotiators, the NMU points out. CMU negotiations, still unsettled, are demanding \$40, \$50 and \$60 for bosuns and carpenters, depending on the type of ship. Lundeberg's men in the same ratings get from \$37 to \$52.50.

This move, is an attempt, it is charged, to prevent higher rates on the CMU ships.

any support. Discussion was then limited to one hour per speaker and there were few takers. Sen. Alben W. Barkley, Senate Majority Leader, fresh from a conference with President Truman, said he was "confident" the bill would be enacted into law. He and the three other key Democratic legislative leaders, Senate President Kenneth D. McKellar, House Speaker Sam Rayburn and House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, had all joined in asking the President to sign the bill on the grounds it was "this or nothing."

The President had not committed himself, Barkley said.

(In New York, J. Raymond Walsh, chairman of the New York Citizens Political Action Committee insisted there was still time for the President to veto the bill and Congress to pass a simple extension of OPA. He said the New York PAC body would join with other citizens and consumers' groups to organize a nationwide buyers' strike if the present bill becomes law.)

Republicans and tory Democrats joined on the Senate floor in attacking price control. They directed their fire particularly at Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles who has been rallying popular support against the crippling amendments.

Bowles has indicated he would resign if the emasculated bill should become law. Truman has asked him to stay.

The principal provisions of the bill included:

1. Extension of OPA for 12 months to June 30, 1947.
2. Transfer of OPA's control over food and agricultural products to the Secretary of Agriculture.
3. Final authority for removing or restoring price ceilings shifted to a new board of de-control. Ceilings may be removed whenever supply equals demand.
4. Government subsidies cut almost in half to \$1,000,000,000. All food subsidies, except for sugar, to end April 1, 1947.
5. Manufacturers and processors guaranteed price boost to the levels prevailing in the Oct. 1-15, 1941 period, plus subsequent increases in unit cost. Resulting price increases to be passed on to consumer, and OPA also required to allow distributors, wholesalers and retailers their Jan. 1, 1946, profit margins.
6. Residential rent ceilings not directly affected, but OPA says rents likely to go up because of higher operating costs to landlords.
7. Price ceilings on raw cotton banned; OPA required to consider actual market cost of cotton, rather than parity price, in computing textile prices.
8. Abolition of OPA's maximum average price regulation which was designed to spur production of low-cost clothing.

*****NATIONAL SCENE*****

RANKIN FIGURES OUT 'SLOW' WITCH-HUNT



POLLTAX REP. John E. Rankin has figured out how to kill two more weeks in the fight for a permanent FEPC.

Piqued by the calendar Wednesday strategy used by the friends of FEPC, Rankin used his un-American committee to send his contempt resolution to the Speakers' desk this Wednesday.

The resolution names chairman Corliss Lamont of the National Council for Soviet-American Relations; director Richard Morford of the same outfit, and chairman George Marshall of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Rankin only submitted the name of Lamont.

Because the action is a privileged communication, according to the rules, Rankin can bring the other names up at any time. It is almost certain that he will forward them one at a time on succeeding Wednesdays.

LEADING EDITORIAL in the July Fortune Magazine calls for armed intervention against the Soviet Union.

Taking every word of the traitor Kravchenko's anti-Soviet book for gospel, Fortune prays that the people of Russia who created such geniuses as Tolstoy and Turgenyev will see through the "fallacies" of Marxism and Leninism.

The issue today, says the boys in the Luce stable, is not Spain or Argentina, but Russia.

On Fortune's Board of Editors

are such persons as William S. Schlam, notorious Austrian Social-Democrat and contributor to the New Leader, and Herbert Sollow, professional red-baiter and Trotskyite. Soviet-haters, Munichites and apologists for imperialism can always make a fortune with the Luce gang.

THE STORY of how the Farmers Union was on the alert against the Case bill is just coming out.

A joint statement condemning the measure was issued by Homer Duffy, head of the Oklahoma FU; Glen Talbott, head of the North Dakota FU and Don Chapman of the Montana FU.

A blistering press release against Rep. Case was issued by Homer Ayres, farm relations director of the Farm Equipment Union.

He comes from Case's district and wired many friends in South Dakota urging them to get into line against Case.

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Labor and Nation
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Protests Deluge Clark Over Bilbo Threats

Attorney General Thomas Clark has been deluged with demands that he act against Sen. Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi whose threat of violence against Negroes who seek to vote has aroused national indignation.

The Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions yesterday addressed identical telegrams to President Truman and Attorney General Clark inquiring "what action the federal government plans to institute to protect the voting rights of all Mississippi citizens in Tuesday's primaries."

Signed by Jo Davidson, chairman of the ICC, the telegram cited the case of Etoy Fletcher, a Negro veteran who was brutally assaulted when he tried to register at Brandon, Miss.

Clark, three days ago in a Chicago speech, warned of a crack-down on progressive-labor thought. He urged action by bar associations against progressive lawyers who act in labor cases.

It was revealed Clark permitted the U. S. Steel Corp. to buy the war-built steel plant in Utah at a fourth of its cost despite the advice of his own anti-trust division.

Clark is the reputed author of

Truman's anti-union bills and the inspiration of his breaking of the rail strike.

The Independent Citizens Committee telegraphed Charles V. Denny, acting chairman of the Federal Communications Commission asking what steps were being taken against those radio stations which carried Bilbo's invitation to violence last Saturday.

RALLY NEGRO VETS

From Chicago, Commander Kenneth C. Kennedy of the United Negro and Allied Veterans urged Negro vets to answer Bilbo by voting in the Democratic primary next Tuesday.

On still another case, the murder of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, L. I., Clark was yesterday accused of failure "to act in a case of violation of the 14th amendment to the constitution."

The charge was made by the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport.

"Facts disclosed by the investigation did not reveal the violation of any Federal Criminal Statute," Clark had said.

The Freeport Committee cited the

Tortured GIs, Guard Rebuked

Adolph Zortz, a guard in the notorious Litchfield Depot, was convicted and sentenced to a "reprimand" Wednesday for beating up a Negro GI, Fred C. Moore. Zortz told the court officers had ordered him to "get tough" with the prisoners.

Another prisoner, Otto C. Holt, testified at the Bad Nauheim, Germany, trial that Moore had been beaten to the ground repeatedly as Zortz and another guard took turns attacking him.

case of a Negro killed in Baker County, Georgia by Sheriff Screws. In a decision handed down in May, 1945, the Supreme Court ruled that the sheriff was guilty under Federal statutes, because the Negro was deprived of his life without due process of law.

Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the Freeport Committee informed Clark the Committee would continue its campaign for pressure on Dewey and on Clark to correct this "miscarriage of justice."

A protest by Sen. Glen Taylor (D-Idaho) against Bilbo's incitement to violence resulted in a decision of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee to hold a special meeting today. The Committee will decide whether to send an investigating committee to Mississippi.

Army Moves to Militarize Industry

By Travis K. Hedrick
Federated Press

WASHINGTON, June 28.—What appears to be a part of a well-directed scheme to give the U.S. Army a foothold for reserve cadres in major industries is seen here in recent developments.

Latest signs point to a deliberate move toward duplicating the German Junker control of essential industry, with big names and big brass joining to seek "close relationships . . . between scientists, inventors, engineers and manufacturers in civil life."

The quotes are from an official U. S. War Department release dated June 21, concerning what at first appears to be an innocent little militaristic "front organization" called the Army Signal Association.

Issued by the Pentagon's own public relations division and distributed through its usual channels, the announcement said the new "Army Signal Association," is in process of formation "sponsored by a group of former soldiers and by civilians who were associated with the armed forces during the war." It adds that it "already has a large membership list." It will work with the regular army, national guard and reserve.

"The primary objective," the release said "is the strengthening of national security and to this end, the association proposes to foster the cooperation and good will which existed during the war between various branches of the armed forces and the personnel of

industries—both manufacturing and operating—in the fields of communications, electronics, motion pictures and photography.

"Another major objective of the association will be the encouragement of research and development programs undertaken by private, educational and research foundations in conjunction with the laboratories of the armed forces in order that continuous study and integration may be assured."

Although this initial military front group is concerned with communications, it is understood here that preparations are being made to set up similar groups in ordnance and transportation. In total, they would embrace practically all major industry.

The War Department announcement said Maj. H. C. Ingles, chief signal officer, "was requested to appoint provisional officers and a provisional board of directors who will serve until the first election."

SARNOFF IS HEAD

Chosen as president of this group by the Army's chief signal officer is

Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, who is president of the Radio Corp. of America. Vice-President Darryl F. Zanuck of 20th Century Fox Film Corp. is a vice-president of the group.

The directors chosen by Ingles include vice-president Carrol Bickelhaupt of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; vice-pres. Fred R. Lack, Western Electric; vice-president George P. Dixon, International Telephone and Telegraph Co.; Chief Engineer W. H. Hitchcock, Southern California Telephone Co.

As a sort of window dressing, a few GIs were thrown into the list, with M-Sgt. Fred Friendly a vice president and ex. M-Sgt. Thomas Rivere, who handled communications at the Quebec, Yalta and Potsdam conferences listed as a director.

For executive secretary, the Army Signal Assn. has Brig. Gen. Stephen H. Sherrill (retired) with offices in Washington. Membership is open to all "firms, companies, associations and groups controlled by American citizens," at \$4 a year; with a \$2 rate for students in technical courses at schools and colleges.

Mass Pickets Today At N. J. Copper Plant

A mass demonstration will be held at 10 a.m. today before the strike-bound Phelps Dodge Copper Products Co. at Elizabeth, N. J., where over 2,000 workers have been on strike since January.

In command of the picket line will be the Joint Labor Committee to Settle the PD strike, a united body representing Union County, N. J., unions of all affiliations and some with no affiliations at all.

At the Phelps Dodge Co. plant at Laurel Hill, Queens, where a strike had been under way since Feb. 3, a settlement was reached and the first of 800 workers were back on the job yesterday, with others due to resume Monday.

The Queens settlement was reported part of a national agreement with the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, covering all operations except fabrication.

The agreement, not yet announced, was said to provide: 18½ cent hourly raises, half retroactive to Sept. 1, settlement of retroactive pay due under War Labor Board decisions previously defied by the company, time and a half for the sixth day of operations and double time for the seventh in any one week, union security and checkoff, unimpaired vacations and a pledge of no discrimination against strikers.

In the Elizabeth strike, the company is bringing strike-breakers in by boat along the Kill van Kull.

Strikers, members of Local 441 United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, are getting support from all over Union County. George L. Reiss, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Union is honorary chairman

of the joint committee running today's demonstration and Frank J. Blanke, president of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Lodge 693, is secretary.

Baruch Testifies At UN Atom Unit

The Working Committee of the UN Atomic Energy Commission met yesterday in a closed session and heard U.S. delegate Bernard Baruch outline what he considered agreement and differences in the Soviet and U. S. plans on atomic energy.

Baruch named two issues where the Soviet and U. S. proposals were farthest apart. According to United Press reports, these issues were (1) American insistence on abolition of the veto. (2) Soviet insistence that atomic weapons be destroyed 90 days after an international agreement is reached outlawing atomic warfare.

Under the Baruch plan the production of atom bombs would continue here until and whenever the U. S. decided to end such production.

The Working Committee set up a small subcommittee "to study all proposals put forth and to prepare the framework of a possible plan." The full commission meets again in public session Wednesday.

PAINTERS' COUNCIL VOTING; WEINSTOCK VICTORY SEEN

AFL painters in 11 locals here vote today on a secretary-treasurer and eight business agents for Painters District Council 9.

A victory for Louis Weinstock, United Rank and File candidate for reelection to the top post, appears virtually certain, since preliminary local polls have already given the Rank and File majority of council delegates.

The line-up in the council, with one local still to be heard from, was 21 for the Rank and File to 10 for the Progressive ticket and one Independent Progressive.

The Rank and File won all council seats in Locals 454, 490, 894, 848, 803, 892, 905 and 1011.

892, I. Zeller, a Rank and File opponent in the Council, was defeated. In 490, B. Margolin, who lined up with a combination of

Social Democrats and Trotskyites, was defeated and a veteran Rank and File supporter, Benjamin Daydoff, was elected.

Twenty-nine war veterans issued an appeal to ex-servicemen among the painters to support Weinstock and his administration. They received in return over 100 letters and postcards pledging support.

Rank and File candidates for business agent are: Charles Gosling, Local 51; Ralph French, Local 544; Daniel P. French, Local 848; Eric Peterson, Local 892; Bernard Gluck, Local 90, and Joseph Fishbein, Local 261. In Local 1011, the Rank and File made no recommendation among three candidates.

Chevy Plant Favors Strike

Special to the Daily Worker

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 28.—Continued delay in settlement of grievances at the Chevrolet plant here forced Local 14, United Automobile Workers, to vote strike notice by a six to one majority.

A cumbersome procedure gives the company from 30 to 30 days to reply to complaints, and another 60 days before the umpire settles an issue.

Walter Reuther, UAW president, who negotiated the agreement and is director of the GM department, was sharply criticized by workers.



LABOR BRIEFS NYLONS DON'T CATCH, NOT EVEN FOR FREE

IT RAINED NYLONS for office workers at the Bellows Co., Akron, O., neon sign firm and the catch wasn't in the hosiery. That was the day of collective bargaining election. The hosiery was gratefully accepted from the firm but the vote was 9 to 4 for the CIO United Office & Professional Workers.

It was 36 to 8 for UOPWA at the Schirgun Corp., New York City, in another NLRB poll where engineers and designers chose the union's technical and scientific division as their agent.

At General Engraving Co., Brooklyn, technical employees picked the same division 17 to 3.

PRESIDENTIAL VETO of the anti-labor Hobbs bill is urged by National Citizens PAC. While parading as a measure aimed at rooting out racketeering, the measure's really sponsored by "blatant opponents of organized labor," Dr. Frank J. Kingdon, NCPAC chairman, wired the White House. The bill, which would repeal provisions protecting legitimate labor activities in a present anti-racketeering bill, is now before President Truman awaiting action.

CANCELLATION of the Dewey administration's orders to lay off 400 staff workers from the State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, effective Monday, is demanded by Saul

Mills, City CIO secretary.

The firings were ordered just at a time when unemployment insurance applications are increasing and veterans are swelling the lists, Mills said.

Nearly 500,000 are now jobless in the state, according to USES, 350,000 of them in New York City. Mills, wiring Milton D. Loysen, division director, said the division would need greater, not lesser, services in the times ahead.

QUESTIONNAIRES TO CANDIDATES are being sent out by the New York State Council of Machinists as a guide to political action. Each is being asked where he stands on compulsory conscription, OPA, 65-cent wage minimum, housing, repeal of the poll tax, the Murray - Wagner - Dingell health bill, bonuses for veterans and repeal of the carry-back provisions of the tax law.

WAGES UP, EARNINGS DOWN—It sounds like a contradiction but that's the report from the double-talking Bureau of Labor Statistics. Says the Bureau: Average hourly wages of manufacturing production workers hit a new high in April of \$1.06. Weekly earnings, however, were \$4.50 below the peak month of January, 1945 and averaged only \$42.92 (before deductions). Loss of overtime accounted for the cut in takehome.

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NEW YORK

Show Moses Ditched Civil Service For Big-Fee Private Engineers

By Michael Singer

The unpleasant odor you might have noticed around City Hall Park yesterday came from the revelation that "unofficial" mayor, Robert Moses has by-passed civil service to hand out \$8,000,000 in lush engineering fees to private firms — one of them headed by a former Moses subordinate.

Mayor Endorses Win-Peace Parley

Mayor William F. O'Dwyer yesterday endorsed the Win the Peace Conference which will be held today (Saturday) at Manhattan.

The winning and strengthening of a lasting peace among the peoples and nations of the world is of vital interest to all New Yorkers, he said in greetings to conference delegates.

Conference registration begins at 10 a.m. this morning, with the opening session starting at 1 p.m.

"As Mayor of the City of New York," he said, "I take pleasure in greeting the delegates to the New York Win The Peace Conference . . . and endorse their efforts to mobilize the people of our city for the winning of the peace."

Russell Nixon, former Military Government official in Germany and now the CIO electrical workers' Washington representative, will be the keynote speaker. Delegates from several hundred trade union, veteran and community organizations will meet in general and panel sessions.

The conference will also climax a drive to collect a million signatures on petitions urging Truman to reaffirm the Potsdam Declaration,



MAYOR O'DWYER

said Dan Wells, executive secretary of the New York Win The Peace Committee.

Afternoon sessions will be open to the general public.

Have You a Yen For Miss Quinn?

Anybody have an old German mark lying around? Someone is passing the hat to defray legal expenses for the pro-fascist teacher May A. Quinn, who was recently whitewashed by the State Board of Education.

The reactionary Tablet, Catholic weekly, is accepting the money in behalf of the teacher who copied Christain Front literature on her classroom blackboard.

To date, \$1,600 has been raised, of which Miss Quinn contributed \$1,000.

If you don't have a German mark, a Japanese yen will do.

Dismiss Assault Case Against Local 65'er

A "kidnapping and assault" indictment against Richard Kuntzsch, CIO Local 65 member, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Nathan Sobel of Kings County Court. Judge Sobel ruled Kuntzsch's motives in allegedly detaining an employee of Fine Arts Glass Co. of Brooklyn were lawful objectives—to induce her to become a member of Local 65.

The details came out in a stormy Board of Estimate meeting Thursday. The board calendar, it seemed, included a little matter of a contract for supervising a section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, from President to Congress Streets. Andrews and Clark, engineers, were to get \$66,300 on the deal. W. Earle Moses, head of the company, was a park superintendent under Moses. Alexander Lurkis, vice president of the Civil Service Technical Guild, objected.



MOSES

Moses said private firms were more efficient than government engineers, and the job was committed, anyway. Mayor O'Dwyer and Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore upheld him.

SUCCESS STORY

Yesterday, Lurkis revealed more details of the practice. He listed private firms favored by Moses. One of them, Madigan-Hyland of Long Island City, he said, "grew up from nobody to a large construction engineering firm through the sponsorship of Moses."

The Madigan-Hyland outfit has received about \$7,000,000, it was learned, for its work on New York City plans and surveys.

Few, if any, of the awards given to the firm are based on competitive bidding.

The meteoric rise of the Madigan-Hyland engineering firm was climaxed with its later award: preliminary plans for the construction of the new Staten Island Ferry Terminal, which was submitted at the height of the fire last Tuesday.

LUSH LIST

Total fee for this job is estimated to be \$72,000. Madigan-Hyland has already received \$43,200 of it.

Here are some other projects and

fees which Madigan-Hyland secured from the city, thanks to Bob Moses:

Flushing Meadow Park, \$100,000; World's Fair, \$20,000; Belt Parkway, \$1,027,804; Gowanus Canal Bridge, \$69,378; West Side Produce Market, \$550,000; Triborough Bridge Authority, \$2,771,872 and the West Side Highway extension, over \$2,000,000. All told, the firm has worked on 25 big public works projects for the city.

But Moses still has to answer these questions:

Why does he hire private engineers when excellent men are available on the preferred Civil Service list?

Why is he given exclusive rights to grant awards without competitive bidding?

P.S. Moses, a Republican, is connected with nine city, Long Island and state committees and commissions—all in charge of highway, park, housing, tunnel, bridge and beach construction.

Seek Probe in Md. Killing of 3 Negroes

Special to the Daily Worker

BALTIMORE, Md., June 28.—In protest against the fatal shootings of three Negro citizens during the weekend of May 18, an appointment with Mayor McKeldin and the Police Commissioner is being sought, the Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland stated yesterday.

The Committee seeks to introduce into the legislature a State FEPO and a Civil Rights Bill.

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See Chance to Put Progressive Negro Into State Senate

By John Hudson Jones

New York has the chance to send a progressive Negro to the State Senate from the 21st Senatorial District if—

"The most important thing now is to get 8,000 petition signatures for Charles A. Collins in less than two weeks, Howard Johnson, campaign manager, said yesterday.

Collins, a AFL official, is entering the Democratic, Republican and American Labor Party primaries. He is already backed by the New York County ALP. Primary Day falls on Aug. 20. Last day for petitions is July 15.



COLLINS

To date, some 1,350 signatures have been obtained by canvassers coming from all parts of the city to Harlem, Johnson said, but an average of 600 signatures have to be collected daily to achieve the goal. Johnson warned against the holiday slump over the July 4 weekend.

There has never been a Negro State Senator in New York.

The 21st Senatorial District includes the 7th, 11th, and 13th Assembly Districts. The 11th A.D., predominantly Democratic, has a 90 percent Negro population. In the 13th, Negroes number about 50 percent, while in the 7th they comprise about 10 percent.

Although in 1943 Harlem was split into three separate Senate districts to prevent the election of a Negro, past campaigns of City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Rep. Adam Clayton Powell show a break-

ing down of artificial racial voting lines.

Collins is vice president of Hotel and Club Employees Local 6. This union has 20,000 members of whom 5,000 are Negroes. The union has fought the widespread practice of different wages for Negroes and whites in the hotel industry.

HEADED LABOR BODY

During World War II Collins was executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, and recently represented that body at the World Trade Union Conference in Paris.

Campaign manager Johnson feels that unions and other groups should immediately begin mass mobilizations and set up Collins Committees.

Canvassers should report to any of the following ALP clubs: 13th A.D. north, 3682 Broadway at 152d; 13th A.D. south, 3410 Broadway at 138th; 11th A.D., 2132 Seventh Avenue at 127th; 7th A.D., 2688 Broadway at 102d.

CAMPAIGN NOTES: Campaign workers for Councilman Eugene Connolly, seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in Manhattan's 21st District met at Audubon Hall Thursday night and mapped an intensified drive for 15,000 signatures. Members of 25 organizations were present.

The Manhattan Democratic County Committee yesterday nominated William T. Collins as its can-

didate for Surrogate; John A. Byrnes and Louis J. Capozzoli as candidates for city court, and Maurice Downing for the city council vacancy. Capozzoli, former congressman, was originally named candidate for State Senator in the district represented by Senate Democratic Leader Elmer F. Quinn in a revolt against Tammany by a group of Italian Democratic leaders. Naming of Capozzoli for city court judge indicates the "revolt" has been amicably settled.

NMU Endorses Collins

The National Maritime Union has endorsed Charles A. Collins' candidacy for New York State Senator from the 21st Senatorial District, and has promised the support of its political action committee.

Collins and City Councilman Ben Davis yesterday wired President Truman and U.S. Attorney General Clark, "Senator Bilbo has threatened the Negro voters of Mississippi with violence if they attempt to vote in the July 2d primary. The people of New York, and the Negro people especially do not want to see their friends and relatives in Mississippi brutalized and murdered, because they dare exercise their right to vote. We request an emergency conference with you, Tuesday, July 2, to present our suggestions for guaranteeing the democratic rights of the citizens of Mississippi."

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Change the World

By Mike Gold

FOR several years in my newspaper past I was the youthful editor of two small town weeklies and manager of the job printing plant that went along with them.

It was a great experience in all-around humanity and the American mind. I sang in the men's chorus which gave two concerts a year; I spent an hour a day sitting in an old inn planted by the local river, drank beer, ate limburger sandwiches and discussed the faults of the cosmos and our Village Council.

I solicited ads and subscriptions, knew in detail all the technical legalisms and obscurities of the great struggle to extend our faulty sewer system; listened to the confidences of the barber, the real estate man, the grocer and butcher. I wrote news, sports, editorials and book reviews, read proof and made up ads, etc.

The owner of the papers and the press was a millionaire Republican, the richest kulak in 50 miles. He owned half the village real estate, and was changing the rest of it from Indian fields and woods into cute little bourgeois lots of Ladies' Home Journal houses.



He wanted to give me half the press business, so I would be bound forever to the papers, but I was restless and wanted to see the wide world.

What if I had stayed? Perhaps I'd have been a millionaire by now, or a successful small town editor, or the village bum, or God-knows-what—a Republican, maybe.

I never regret having left that ingrown, pleasant, very conservative village. Whatever homely virtues it possessed, it also had one great fault—the mind and heart tended to vanish there. The people were kind but too darn smug.

MINE was not a typical small-town weekly set-up, of course. I had a boss. There are some 9,000 country newspapers in the United States. Most of them have always been owned by the editors.

William Allen White is the great exemplar of such rural publishing. As a young man, he acquired experience on big papers in Chicago and New York, then returned to his home town, Emporia, Kansas, to start a small daily, *The Emporia Gazette*. His initial capital was \$2,000. His humor, humanity and personality built the little paper into one of America's most original, best-known papers. Big-town reporters have always

dreamed of doing the same as White. Sherwood Anderson bought two country weeklies in Virginia, one Republican, the other Democratic, and retired into their cooling shadow to dawdle and meditate.

The country editor has been a notable figure in American life—a salty, free-spoken man, with a certain independence that marked him off from the city press, which the monopolies had controlled and standardized.

William Allen White, in his memoirs, protested against the seizure of the press by the monopolists. "Newspapers used to speak for big business," he said, "now they are big business itself."

White loved the country weekly, and helped make the editor of such a paper proud and conscious of his own independent role in the American way of life.

POOR BILL! He died in time to avoid the beginning of the end for the country weeklies. They are now being gobbled up by a far-reaching if little known press lord named John Holliday Perry.

Recently, Perry bought up the cream of the 140 weeklies published in Florida. He already owns 14 other southern weeklies, seven dailies and four radio stations. The Florida experiment is his

first gun in a campaign that will give him control of a nationwide system of state newspaper chains.

This Big-Hog Perry owns the Western Newspaper Union, world's biggest newspaper syndicate, which puts out 100-odd canned features, such as comics, news, pictures, fiction, etc.

This WNU syndicates "boiler plate" to weekly papers, selling them "ready print" pages on the inside of paper stock, with Lydia Pinkham ads and all. The country editor prints his own news and local ads on the outside pages. Thus, half of the country weekly press is already controlled by this B-H Perry.

The present mediocrity, lack of independence and canned, controlled humor and thinking are the work of Perry. Now he is to send the final nail into the coffin of American country journalism, by direct purchase of the weeklies.

Poor Bill White must be restless in his honored tomb! And we call it a free press, and the trained seals, who catch balls for Mr. Perry and snap eagerly at the bits of stale herring he throws them, are still writing many an indignant piece against the "controlled Russian press." It favors the Communist, and not the capitalist, point of view. But what can our freedom be, anyway, when Mr. Perry owns all the country weeklies.

Letters from Our Readers



'Daily' Owner Tells Why She's a Communist

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Since the Worker has undertaken, through its columns, to bring new members into the Party, I would like, as one of the owners of *The Worker* and *Daily Worker*, to explain why I have joined the Communist Party. Perhaps some people similarly situated who are hesitating and groping, as I did for too long a time, will agree with me on what I have found to be the only ultimate solution.

My background is wholly bourgeois. All my family are conservative Republicans. We are proud of a long family history whose members have helped to build and defend this country from the days of the early colonial wars on, so we have in our membership Colonial Dames, Sons of Colonial Wars, Sons of the Revolution, etc.

With this background, and with all material wants provided for, I nevertheless discovered early that all was not well with the world. I was first moved by the discrimination against women, and worked for their suffrage. I found war hateful, and, eager to see the end of it, I joined various pacifist groups. I saw the need for better housing, and did a little volunteer work there. Seeing in the poorest homes the people overburdened with large families, I worked for birth control. Seeing many injustices led me into the civil liberties fight.

I realized, however, that all of these movements and many others, while aimed in the right direction, were not fundamental and merely scratched the surface! They led nowhere. Later, years of public health work in the city's slums brought the gripping, clamorous conviction of the injustice of our social system. Discrimination against Negroes and other minorities was ever present.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

The answer? I began going to Communist meetings, and in that group, small in those early days of the Party and despised by everybody I knew, I found the path—the path which has grown broad and plain as the years have passed, so that now it is clear for those who wish to see. It led to the solution of all that I had worked for and far beyond. In the words of the French writer Bloch, "I have found that which I have been looking for all my life."

Marxism is a science which explains the laws of society, and, as in all our science, the truth (incontrovertibly established and its laws known and proven many times over by evidence and proph-

esy fulfilled) must ultimately be accepted by all men. It explains the present state of society, how it came about, and how it can be guided to higher levels.

The Communists have successfully established in over one-sixth of the earth a mighty socialist country, and Communists here and in all countries are working for fuller democracy, for equal rights and greater opportunity for all people without race prejudice or discrimination, for peace and a prosperous, happy world.

Socialism has been dreamed of and longed for by poets and prophets in our country and in many countries for centuries. But Utopian dreaming could not bring it about. Marxism-Leninism has worked it out scientifically and shown the way and we are approaching at last the Federation of Mankind, the Century of the Common Man.

Shall we not all help in this magnificent struggle?

ANNA M. W. PENNYPACKER.

Asks Articles on Debs, Sylvio, Ruthenberg

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I'd like to see some articles in *The Worker* on Sylvio, Debs and Ruthenberg, who are mentioned so prominently in the preamble of the Communist Party constitution.

Also we need some good books and pamphlets analyzing the rise of fascism before World War II, the Communist Party position in Germany, in Italy, and a Marxist criticism of their policies and tactics.

D. C.

Congrats From Detroit For Special Edition

Detroit, Mich.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to express to you comrades, on behalf of the Detroit Party organization, our appreciation for the cooperation extended in getting out the special election edition on June 15.

The paper was very well received everywhere. Even the newsstand handlers told us that there was a noticeably greater demand for the paper that day, presumably in response to the attractive headline on a local issue.

It is the recommendation of our staff that such editions be used in the election campaign this summer, beginning with July.

CARL WINTER,

Chairman.

Lauds Cacchione's Expose of Antonini

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to congratulate Peter V. Cacchione for his article about the labor faker, Luigi Antonini, in the June 23 Worker.

Such cases as this you can find all over the country. For instance, just last week we welcomed the guests from the Polish-Jewish Federation at the Civic Opera House and the sponsors were the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish People's Fraternal Order, etc. And the *Forward*, that traitorous sheet of Jewish reaction, called this gathering a Communist-controlled rally. For this, Max Bressler, president of the Chicago Jewish Congress rightly denounced the sheet and called its staff saboteurs.

M. FRIEND.

Economic Issues

Big Ones Out of Little Ones

By Labor Research Association

INCREASES in mergers of small companies

with larger ones are indicated in a number of recent developments and reports, notably the report on economic concentration by the Smaller War Plants Corporation, released last week by the Small Business Committee of the Senate. Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace also referred to this trend in a statement last Monday. He said it closely resembled the corporate movement after World War I, a trend that resulted in the high concentration of industrial ownership and control reported by the government's Temporary National Economic Committee in 1941. (See our pamphlet, *Monopoly in the United States*.)

Wallace said that in the fourth quarter of last year mergers and acquisitions had reached the highest level since 1931 and that this high rate is continuing. During the first quarter of 1946 the number was one-third greater than in the like period of last year.

IN 1944 the number of consolidations reported for the manufacturing and mining fields alone was 204 compared with 87 in 1939 and 1,245 in 1929, the year of the stock market crash. (*United States News*, May 10, 1946.) An incomplete tabulation by the Federal Trade Commission, involving industry as a whole, recorded 832 separate acquisitions by 430 corporations in the period 1939-1944.



Recent mergers have been most frequent among dairy concerns, paper mills, textiles, metal mining and manufacturing plants and among liquor companies and drug and pharmaceutical concerns.

Although during the war the increase in mergers and acquisitions was most noticeable in the field of non-durable goods, since V-J Day there has been a growing number in the durable goods industries. The *Journal of Commerce* last Tuesday cited the advantages that would accrue to the capitalists in the radio, aircraft, automobile and other industries by horizontal mergers now being discussed in Wall Street.

Secretary Wallace cited the fact that four big distillers now not only control about 60 percent of the distillery capacity of the country but also more than one-half of the California wine capacity. These companies are apparently National Distillers, Schenley, Seagram and Hiram Walker.

In the period 1940-45 seven of the largest steel companies bought up more than 35 smaller concerns. At the same time the big dairy products companies, formed in the mergers of the 1920's have renewed their drive to absorb smaller concerns in various parts of the country.

SIMILAR developments have taken place in the grocery chain field where the big retail companies have taken over smaller companies owning meat and other food plants.

In textiles the absorption of independent converters by big spinning and weaving companies has been most common during the war. It was estimated recently that about

80 percent of the output of cotton goods is being converted in so-called "integrated" mills—which include all the textile processes—compared with only 17 percent before the war. In addition, various big horizontal mergers have been reported, notably one in the Carolinas, recently involving 12 mills and about \$50,000,000 of assets. (See our *Economic Notes*, June, 1946.)

Efforts to obtain assurance of their sources of supply have been behind many of the recent mergers in the paper industry where mills have been purchased by book and magazine publishers.

The sale of government "surplus" plants, built at government expense, has also had its effect on the size of corporations and the hands of larger units. For only a big company, like U. S. Steel, is in a position to take over such a giant concern (as, for example, the Government's Geneva Steel plant in Utah). Such moves tend to make the big companies bigger, and are, in the opinion of some lawyers, a violation of the anti-trust laws.

For many years the Federal Trade Commission has been urging Congress to amend the anti-trust acts to control mergers through acquisition of physical assets. This is the loophole through which most of the recent mergers have been effected.

The National Association of Manufacturers, vocally a friend of "small business" but actually the tool of the duPont and similar big interests, is of course opposed to any such measure. It wants no stumbling block, no matter how tiny, put in the path of monopoly.

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Labor's Common Defense

IT is one of the greatest joys to reaction in this country that the working people's organizations have not yet seen fit to join their forces in common defense.

Such great organizations of labor as the CIO, AFL and the railroad brotherhoods continue to face the OPA-wreckers and the union-busters single-handed.

There is great chuckling in the oak-paneled corporation offices and in the cloak rooms of Congress over this fact, so advantageous to the enemies of the common people.

The need to remedy this sad lack of a common front of labor has never been more urgent than now.

Reaction's Machine Clicks

The enemies of labor and the friends of the profiteers have a smoothly working line-up in Congress.

A Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and a Senator Eastland (D-Miss) are clicking like a well-oiled machine in knifing labor.

They typify the GOP-poll tax coalition which is threatening to let loose an inflationary deluge which will turn the wage worker's dollar into nickels and dimes.

There is uncertainty in the labor movement over the OPA as the Tories have maneuvered the country into accepting a crippled OPA or facing the possibility of having none at all. Some urge veto. Others urge a new OPA bill. But to restore the necessary price control, without which every working man and his family face the biggest steal in history, united labor action is required.

This team-work of the Tories has also stymied the 65-cent minimum wage law, so badly needed by labor.

At every point, the three great organizations of American labor face the increasing arrogance of their common enemies. If they succeed in wrecking OPA, the unions will find that what they won through prolonged negotiation and strikes will fade away in their hands.

United Parley Vital

Common sense and labor statesmanship cries out for the obvious answer—an immediate calling of a national conference of CIO, AFL and brotherhoods. This conference would forge a common front to save OPA, win the minimum wage, and defend the rights of trade unionism now menaced by the Hobbs Bill, the Truman labor draft propositions, and other union-wrecking efforts.

The Communist Party, true to its functions as a leading group in the working class, has been pointing out to the trade unions how urgently their own interests demand such a joint national conference.

As far back as the auto strike, and then during the steel strike, the chairman of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster, has been urging the labor movement to consider just such a meeting.

It was apparent then that the big trusts of the nation were out to drive labor back a full generation. The auto trust's brutal attitude toward negotiation proved that. In Congress, the same attitude made itself felt all down the line and culminated in the hysterical tirade of President Truman against railroad labor answered by the only-too-eager Congress. The Case Bill was the result.

But the labor movement rose as one man against the Case Bill. This prevented its enactment. It forced a Presidential veto. It is an example of what can be done.

This drive against the working men of the nation is on in full swing. It menaces equally every one of the big trade union organizations. There can be nothing gained and much lost if these organizations try to meet separately the onslaught.

Every argument of reason and necessity calls for the joint conference we speak of. Communists in the trade unions will have little difficulty persuading their fellow-unionists to act toward such a joint defense of labor.



Civilizing South Africa--With Clubs

Special to the Daily Worker

DURBAN, South Africa, June 28.—Mobs of unruly Europeans have been beating passive resisters of the Indian minority here during the last few nights.

Two of those beaten are still in a critical condition while others were severely bruised.

These acts of savage violence have only made the Indian people more determined to carry on their struggle for emancipation.

Despite a ban, a meeting held in Nicols Square this week was attended by 10,000 Indian men and women who resolved to carry on a non-violent struggle. Permission to hold the meeting had been refused by the City Council.

RESISTERS PRESENT

The entire band of gallant volunteers who have been camping at the resistance center, whenever they were not in detention cells, were present at the meeting.

Amongst them are Drs. Naicker, Goonam and M. D. Naidoo, who addressed the meeting. Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, the noted Indian leader, flew from Johannesburg for the occasion.

Addressing the people Dadoo said "The gallant band of resisters had been subjected to brutal attacks by members of a race who claim to hold aloft the banner of civilization in Africa and Asia.

"These ruthless attacks by European mobs upon people that they know are pledged not to retaliate, put to shame the SS guards of Nazi Germany. They have displayed despicable behavior, but honor goes to the courage and fortitude of the resisters.

"We can assure the four hundred million people of India that despite the assaults we will carry

on the struggle on a strictly non-violent basis.

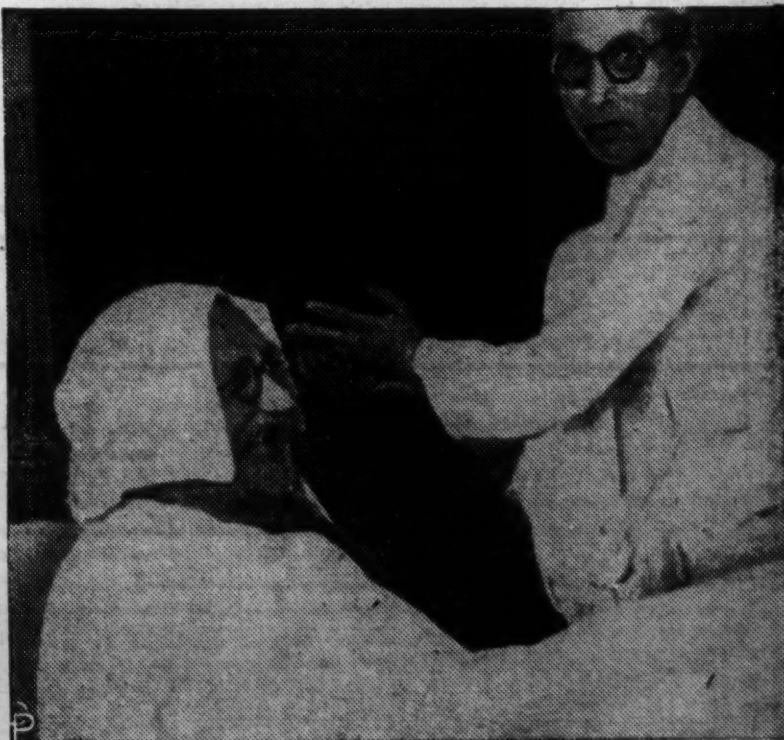
"Decent-minded people are asking why mob rule is allowed by the police. What has happened to the government of the country? Similar mob rule against a section of the European community would have created tremendous indignation and outcry all over the country. But because the Indian people happened to be a voteless section, no notice was taken."

EUROPEANS AT CAMP

Immediately after the meeting a huge crowd of Indian volunteers accompanied by 47 Indian passive resisters left for the resistance camp. At the camp were a large police force and a crowd of misguided Europeans.

At 8:20 p.m. Major Keevy, district commander, announced through the police loudspeaker, "In the name of the magistrate we have issued a warning declaring any gathering within 500 yards of the intersection at Umbilo and Gale Streets an unlawful assembly. In the terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act, the order will remain in force seven days."

The crowds dispersed, except for the 47 resisters who remained on the camp ground. Those arrested and taken away in police vans include Dr. Naicker, Dr. Goonam, M. D. Naidoo, president, vice-president and secretary respectively of the Natal Indian Congress, the European resister, Rev. Michael Scott and eight women.



India Congress Leaders Meet: Mohandas K. Gandhi meets Pandit Nehru, president-elect of the India National Congress, in New Delhi, India. Nehru was recently arrested in Kashmir, but released soon afterward.

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The thousand freight and baggage handlers remained idle protesting the company's "chiseling" and speedup policy to take the recent 18½ cents raise "out of the hides" of its men.

Chairman Adolph Mazanec of the New York District Board of Adjustment of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, said he doubted that work could resume over the weekend even if a settlement is reached with the company.

"LET HIM COME HERE"
A conference was scheduled yesterday between General Manager J. F. Ross of the company and union representatives.

Announcement of Ross' request for a meeting, brought cries of "If he wants to talk to us let him come here."

Mazanec said, however, that he will go to Ross to "see if there is a change of attitude."

Mazanec's suggestion to recess until Monday afternoon, which means continued stoppage over the weekend, set off an explosion of cheers from the men.

REVIEW GRIEVANCES

Yesterday's session heard another review of the grievances that caused the men to stop work for a "continuous meeting." Mazanec was applauded vigorously as he told the "unbearable conditions" in the company's accounting department.

Describing how the company holds the dismissal or furlough club over the heads of the men, he cited cases of veterans fired for absence from their jobs for a few minutes. Five days suspension for slight infractions is another common practice. The right to a fair hearing as provided in the agreement is being disregarded, said Mazanec.

"This is what is boiling up our men, and it has got to stop," he added.

Mazanec indicated that one of the major points of dispute is the company's policy of making truck drivers do much of the work usually done by freight handlers.

Other issues are the company's reschedule of shifts to avoid overtime payment; disregard of seniority and the elimination of many jobs.

Mazanec appealed to the men not

to be frightened by company layoff notices and other tricks to break their ranks.

"We are all united. They haven't moved a piece of freight in two days," he said.

Questioned by newsmen on the report that grand lodge president George M. Harrison directed the district organization to get the men back to work, Mazanec said that in the absence of "some real proposal" from the company "it would be difficult to get the men back to work."

The "continuous meeting" bypassed the Railway Labor Act which provides a procedure of many months before a settlement or strike is reached.

CHEER NEGROES

The Manhattan Center audience cheered loudly two Negro officers of the union's metropolitan area Negro auxiliary Lodge 6299 when they were singled out for introduction from the score of local officers seated on the platform.

They were President William D. Wilson of Lodge 6299 and W. B. Watson, a fellow officer.

The union is still divided by a Jimcrow provision in its constitution barring Negroes from regular membership. But members of Lodge

Negro Congress Aims To Recruit 10,000

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, June 28.—A drive to recruit 10,000 new members to the National Negro Congress will begin Sunday and end Sept. 8, it was revealed at a mass meeting at the Civic Auditorium here Sunday night.

Chairman of the membership drive is Rev. A. C. Williams, Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church and a vice-president of the NNC. Mrs. Madeline Fowler director of the Women's Division took a quota of 3,500 members. Rev. H. E. McGhee heads the Church Division.

Leon England, chairman of the Detroit Council Labor committee, is in charge of labor groups, assisted by Hodges E. Mason, president of Local 208, UAW-CIO; James Walker, recording secretary, Local 205; UAW-CIO; Earl Samuels, president of Local 267, United Public Workers, CIO; T. J. Coleman, president, Local 205, UPWA-CIO; Nelson Davis, production foundry committeeman, Local 600, UAW-CIO and other labor leaders.

6299 have hopes that the next BRSC convention will wipe out this policy, which has been declared unlawful by a number of district courts.

An attempt by the company to use the union's Jimcrow policy to its advantage when the "continuous meeting" was called, fell flat. The Negro freight handlers refused to let their fight for rights within the union mar their loyalty to unionism.

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PRESS ROUNDUP

Flash! Reds in Kremlin!

THE TIMES charges the issue behind the UN veto is "whether Russia . . . is to dominate the Council. . . ." The instances it cites where the veto was invoked prove the reverse. On the Iranian issue the Anglo-American voting bloc ganged up on the Soviet Union. In the cases of Greece, Indonesia, Syria, and Egypt, the same bloc used the UN to encourage anti-democratic, imperialist wars on the soil of those nations. With respect to Spain the Times wants to compel the Soviet Union to endorse the existing war being waged by Spanish fascism against its own people.

Correspondent Kathleen McLaughlin cables from Berlin that Marshall MacDuffie, head of the UNRRA mission to the Soviet Ukraine denied the charges that the Soviet Union barred free access to and reports of UNRRA activities:

"From a headquarters in Kiev, he and a team of nine Americans, one Canadian and one British physician have moved absolutely without hindrance. . . . Wherever they wished to go and whatever they wished to see have been promptly facilitated by the authorities without supervision."

Evidently the only iron curtain involved is the one the bought and paid for press hangs out to bar the truth from its readers.

THE POST dreamt that: "In the same month we were democratizing our Army the Reds Prussianized theirs, completing a cycle that started more than seven years ago." Saul K. Padover's book, *Experiment in Germany*, tells of his encounter with a Soviet major general, strict in bearing and demanding of his subordinates. The author then gives the General's background. At the beginning of the war in 1941 he was a sergeant; his nationality, Gypsy, once a despised and persecuted group in Russia. When the U. S. Army allows a Negro enlisted man to rise to Major General in the course of three years we'll be glad to smoke whatever it was the Post editor inhaled when he wrote his fantasy.

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM columnist, Parker La Moore, turns from concern for Franco to the "fate of Axis PWs." He charges "the Allies are fostering a system closely akin to the precedent established by Hitler." This because the Russians, French and, for that matter, all the allies, used PWs (or prisoners of war) to repair a tiny bit of the damage they wrought.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE columnist, Stewart Alsop, discovers: "all the Russian leaders are Marxists. . . ." They, therefore, have a notion that the U. S. corporations which made \$50,000,000 profits in the war, don't mind making that kind of dough and would like another war. Alsop thinks that's downright silly.

THE DAILY NEWS columnist, John O'Donnell, replies to the Post claim: "Fact of the matter

Furniture Council Donates \$10,000

A \$10,000 contribution toward the southern organizing drive of the CIO United Furniture Workers has been voted by the union's Metropolitan Council, representing 10,000 members in New York City and northern New Jersey. Morris Pizer, president, and Michael DeCicco, secretary-treasurer, said yesterday.

The council also unanimously condemned the rump convention called for today in Washington by George Bucher, president of Philadelphia Local 47, and asked president Morris Muster not to lend his support.

Bucher, leader of a group of red-baiters who tried to "capture" the union, called the Washington meeting to challenge convention decisions.

today is that we are not, thank God, going to have a democratic Army or a democratic Navy or a democratic Air Force in the sense that the Moscow fellow-travelers here in the United States would like us to adopt." As far as O'Donnell is concerned, anyone who believes in the Roosevelt New Deal is a "fellow traveler."

THE DAILY MIRROR joins the commercial press war against the meaning of words: "Our standard of living is receding. Socialism has failed in America." How a system, where the 19 banking partners of the House of Morgan control 20 percent of the corporate wealth of the nation, can be called socialist is something only a Hearst editor can answer.

CHICAGO DEFENDER HITS TENN. WHITEWASH

CHICAGO, June 28.—The Chicago Defender, influential Negro weekly, today assailed the Federal Grand Jury whitewash of the anti-Negro violence in Columbia, Tenn., as "a brand of justice which stinks with the rotten odor of an American brand of Nazism."

"Not only did the Grand Jury absolve Maury County and state enforcement agents from criminal responsibility, it commended them for 'impartial action' in their treatment of Negroes and whites alike," the Defender said.

"Federal Judge Elmer Davis—a southerner—a reporter Ku Kluxer—who ordered the investigation only after United States Attorney General Tom Clark had insisted upon it, even went further than the report, charging that all those who disagreed with the findings were either Communists or agitators who were interested in

stirring up trouble between the races."

"Yet irrefutable facts" the Defender continued, "which even the Grand Jury could not gloss over, show that two Negroes were killed AFTER THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS."

The Chicago paper also lashed the "so-called liberal Southern groups supporting the Grand Jury whitewash."

"There is the Southern Regional Council, composed of both whites and Negroes. . . . We do not know any member of the Council who will openly advocate the abolition of legal segregation in the South. . . . The limit of the liberalism of the white members of the council is advocacy of the paving of streets in the Negro section of the town."

Terming the Columbia Case as

historic as Scottsboro and the Dred Scott Decision, the Defender concluded: "The world is judging the South and America too. It shakes its head and wonders at a great nation which is too impotent to do anything about its race problem. It shudders and shrinks from a culture which sacrifices Christianity, rules of brotherhood—yes, every decent moral principle—to the god of color."

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Realtors Use Detroit Gov't In Drive to Oust Negroes

By William Allan

DETROIT, June 28.—Twenty-two Negro families face eviction from their homes in the Eight Mile Road area here by action of the City Council collaborating with real estate outfits. The ruse of the City Council is that they want to use the land for building recreational centres.

The Daily Worker came into possession of facts showing that real estate salesmen who sold homes to whites around that community incorporated into the agreements a clause that within three years there would be no Negroes living in that community.

Now the real estate corporations together with their co-workers the City Council are starting the move to oust 22 Negro families as per their agreement with those they sold homes too.

Besides this downright discrimination policy and collaboration with real estate corporations, the news breaks that a milking of the city's funds by hired appraisers to the tune of several thousand dollars has occurred.

Various land in that territory was scheduled to be appraised for condemnation. The city hires appraisers to do the job. Part of the work scheduled for the appraisers was appraising a three and half acre park bounded by Chippewa, Norfolk, Cherrylawn and Indiana Avenues.

All of the recent appraisal work of the city in the last year has been given to a small ring of real estate men.

TIDY SUMS

Norman Bayliss, a cousin and former real estate partner of Charles G. Oakman city councilman, was given the job of appraisal for which work he netted the tidy sum of \$1,500 plus \$50 a day for each day in court. This was only one of five similar appraisal jobs that Oakman's cousin Bayliss has picked off in the last year.

Although the assessed value of the property was only \$37,000, Bayliss came into court supposedly to testify for the benefit of the city which sought to purchase the land and said that the valuation of the land was \$91,000. In other words Mr. Bayliss was proposing a net profit of \$54,000 for the real estate companies.

Bayliss is also the one who recommended that the 22 Negro families be evicted from their homes at Eight Mile road, also within that zone. No provision was made for residences for the evicted Negro families. Now the National Negro Congress, the Carver Progressive

Club and the Ben Davis Club of the Communist Party have organized the people in the community, got a court order restraining the evictions until the people are properly housed.

In addition to that a number of playgrounds and recreations centers dot the community. There is absolutely no need for the building of new playgrounds or recreational centres. The whole game is to evict the Negro families from the community. The bluff is that real estate sharks who sold homes some years ago there declared that within three years all Negro people would be evicted from the community.

FAMILY TIES

Now the city council of Detroit together with the real estate companies seeks to put into action the promise of the real estate outfits. And tied up with a proposed expenditure by the city council of \$2,000,000 for purchase of the "recreational areas" comes the latest scandal that one of the members of the city council sees to it that his cousin and former real estate partner, Bayliss gets the juicy job of appraisal. Then Bayliss gets \$1,500 and \$50 a day plus proposing that the city pay \$54,000 more than the property is worth.

Bayliss' cousin, Councilman Charles G. Oakman is the councilman who some weeks ago introduced the resolution demanding a "fair trial" for the Nazi collaboratorist Mikhalovich. Oakman is also the one who put the Council on record against picketing of an employer's home during the Detroit Steel Products strike, when the same employer refused for three months to meet with the union bargaining committee.

The National Negro Congress at a meeting last Sunday attended by 700 people is seeking a hearing before the Detroit City Council to bring into the light of day this thieving of the city's finances and collaboration with real estate sharks and discrimination against 22 Negro families.

JOE LOUIS' MOTHER SOCKS DETROIT EVICTION CRIME

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, June 28.—Mrs. Lily Brooks, mother of heavyweight champion Joe Louis, is herself a champion of peoples rights. She will be the main speaker at 5 p.m. tomorrow at Eight Mile Road and Wisconsin, at a mass open air rally to protest the evictions by the Detroit City Council.

The reason the city gives for the eviction, now temporarily halted by a court order until the city finds suitable substitute residences, is that they need the land for "recreational purposes." This ridiculous excuse for ousting 18 families is told to shreds by the local residents who point out that several recreational centers are in and around the community and are sufficient for the needs.

The real story behind this mass eviction is brought to light in the accompanying report.

NAACP Board OKs Political Action

By Harry Raymond

CINCINNATI, June 28.—Breaking a long-standing tradition of negative hands-off policy in national, state and local elections, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People executive board today announced approval of a resolution to set up a six-member committee to map plans for the organization's active support of progressive candidates for public office.

The resolution is a compromise drawn up to meet demands of numerous political action resolutions introduced at the 37th NAACP conference in session here. It has the overwhelming support of 2,000 delegates at the conference and is due for top priority when the resolutions committee reports tomorrow.

The plan to broaden the battlefront of the nation's largest Negro organization of a half million members was announced by Walter White, NAACP secretary. Delegates have been making strong demands for a militant affirmative political policy since the conference got under way last Wednesday.

"Our position has been to oppose candidates who stand for disfranchisement of Negroes," declared Mr. White. "We oppose candidates and do not endorse them. There is a good deal of sentiment for affirmative political action and also a very wise understanding of the dangers of becoming political."

BOARD BACKS MOVE

The question was discussed in the executive board. It was the decision of the board to call for support of the resolution setting up the political committee. The committee is to be composed of three members of the board and three delegates elected from the floor of the convention.

Power to map political policy for the organization will be embodied in the committee.

Today's session concluded with the presentation of the 21st Spingarn medal, the NAACP's highest honor, to Thurgood Marshall, the organization's general counsel and attorney for the defense in the trial of the Columbia, Tenn., Negroes.

Marshall was cited for his uncompromising battles for civil liberties, culminating in brilliant victories in both the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts. Today he shares the honor bestowed by the NAACP on Paul Robeson last year.

Presenting the award, Robert W. Kenney, attorney general of California, asserted Marshall was the

man who made "the highest court in the land publicly change its mind."

"Every member of the bench and bar will pay tribute to Mr. Marshall," Kenney declared, "a spokesman not only for Negroes, but all minorities. In fact by advocating the highest spirit of Americanism he is spokesman for all Americans."

Discussing post-war policies of the United States Employment Service during the morning session, Edward Swan, of Detroit, declared: "With one stroke USES wiped its slate of wartime progress and committed pre-meditated murder on the principle of democratic hiring practice."

URGES LABOR-NEGRO UNITY

Swan told the delegates the fight against Jimcrow in employment must be carried on in alliance of Negroes with labor unions and civil rights groups in the communities.

"Labor has been a very effective ally in many communities and will play even a greater role as its organizational drives get under way in the South," Swan declared. "Work with labor on your problems with the employment service since they have just as big a stake in the right of all people to work as we have. They realize as do we that their program cannot be effective as long as the ranks of labor are divided because of color."

Clarence A. Mitchell, of Cincinnati, warned that minorities in the country now face a tragic employment crisis, with many firms returning to old discriminatory practices and submitting discriminatory orders to employment offices. Mitchell charged that the National Housing Authority, while planning to give employment to 2,000,000 men by September has made no provision to insure full use of Negro carpenters, painters, plasterers, plumbers and electricians.

"We are now back to where we were at the beginning of the de-

Press Corner

Queens Reaches CP Fund Quota

Queens County Communists yesterday became the fifth Communist organization in New York State to go over the top in the Fund Drive. The first four were Cultural, Garment, Westchester and Nassau.

The Queens Communists turned in \$25,000 — of which \$7,350 will go to the Daily Worker and The Worker Press Fund. \$150,000 is urgently needed to keep the presses rolling.

New York County Communists are moving ahead quickly, the State CP announced yesterday. Of the \$37,940 pledged to the Communist press, \$29,411 has been raised. The County has raised \$100,000 of its \$129,000 quota and pledges the rest by July 1.

There's one more week to go. Rush those \$\$\$ in.

Atom Product Used to Cure Skin Cancers

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Radioactive phosphorus applied with common blotting paper, has been used successfully for treatment of skin cancers at the University of California medical school in the first practical application of atomic by-products to the suppression of cancer, the school announced today.

Dr. Bertram Low-Beer, associate professor of radiology, disclosed the results of treatments given in secret over five years in a report to the North American Radium Society meeting here coincident with the American Medical Association convention.

He emphasized that the treatment was applicable only to superficial skin cancers and warts and warned against any hope that it could be applied in the near future to deep-seated tumors.

Low-Beer revealed that 301 cases of superficial skin cancer and warts have been treated in "quiet" medical research here since 1941.

The treatment successfully removed 88.5 percent of warts on the hands, 94 percent of warts on the sole of the foot and 93.6 percent of warts under the fingernails.

Radioactive phosphorus was produced in the Berkeley cyclotrons of Prof. Ernest O. Lawrence, University of California Nobel Prize winner in physics, who played a major role in the development of the atomic bomb.

The university said it may be possible in the future to obtain large amounts of radioactive phosphorus from the Oak Ridge, Tenn., project.

It was emphasized that at present it is not possible for the average person with skin cancer to obtain radioactive phosphorus treatment.

When it was the custom in Durham, N. C., Ravenna, Ohio, and Pine Bluff, Ark., to employ laborers and refuse work to skilled craftsmen solely because of race," Mitchell told the conference.

"Because of the strong non-discriminatory policies of the United Automobile Workers and the United Packing House Workers it can be expected that in these two industries there is a fighting chance to hold the wartime gains. This is also true in the steel industry, although there are many jobs from which Negroes are still barred because of race."

Kuomintang Clique Fans New China Civil War

Large-scale civil war in China is feared when the present Kuomintang-Communist truce expires on Sunday, according to United Press, which reports that anti-American tendencies are being systematically fanned by right-wing Kuomintang circles.

Meanwhile, U. S. Marines in the garrison of Tsingtao, Shantung province, are staking mock war maneuvers, UP reports.

Three to five thousand Marines are stationed at Tsingtao, from which they have been helping the Kuomintang to press into Manchuria.

Gen. George C. Marshall, the U. S. envoy, was reported "working hard" to get an agreement in principle on reorganization of the Kuomintang and Communist armies in Manchuria.

Gen. Chou En-lai, the Communist negotiator, is said to have accepted the plan, but Chiang Kai-shek has not.

If the negotiations fail and civil war breaks out, United States Army officials in Shanghai were reliably

understood to fear that anti-American and anti-foreign sentiment would flame into violence.

Bare Yugoslav Treason Clique

Special to the Daily Worker

BELGRADE, June 28.—Former Yugoslav Premier Dusan Simovich today named royalist former minister Radoje Knezevich—one of the 24 defendants on trial as "the chief culprit who contributed to the disorganization of the country."

The clique, Simovic said, was built around Knezevich, former foreign minister Momcilo Ninich and Dr. Milan Grol, opposition leader who already has appeared as a prosecution witness. Ninich is another absentee defendant.

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